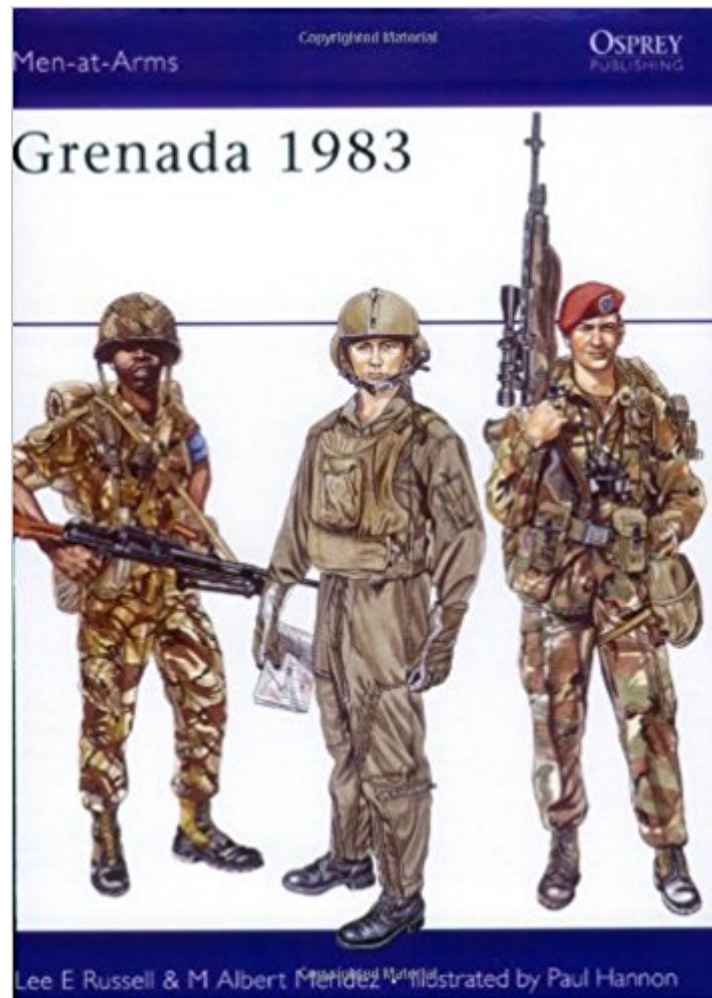


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On 21 October 1983, following the death of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, the leaders of the six small nations forming the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States voted to intervene militarily to restore order in Grenada. As none possessed the forces necessary to carry out a successful operation, the United States, fearing for its citizens on the island, and wanting to curb Cuba's growing influence, decided to get involved. This book provides a day-by-day account of the US invasion of Grenada, focusing on the units and forces deployed. Numerous contemporary photographs and colour plates detail the uniforms and equipment of the US, Cuban and Caribbean forces.

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If you need a quick review of the U.S. lead invasion of Soviet communist-troubled Grenada in 1983, this is your book! Until Major Mark Adkin's book came out (Urgent Fury: the invasion of Grenada), this was THE best reference on a short battle that was the turning point in the Cold War. While the U.S. military likes to take its time going to war to set up neat, Clausewitzian set-piece battles, the world was being engulfed by wars of "revolution" backed by Soviet/Cuban communist advisors, funds and armaments--when Grenada began to collapse into anarchy, Presiden Reagan decided to go as we are and "jump and take our lumps". This fine little book depicts the hasty preparations needed to fight modern no-notice wars and the fantastic flexibility and resolve inherent in America's elite Airborne/Rangers to change from airlanding to parachute airdrop while in flight en route when

the runway was discovered to be blocked. The USAF Combat Talon pilot in charge also thought quickly, saw that Cuban anti-aircraft guns could not depress far enough and led the other C-130 Hercules down to 500 feet or below so the Rangers and two 82d Airborne Combat Engineers could jump and secure the Point Salines runway/airfield. Its too bad Hollywood didn't pick up this book and READ before making such atrocious depictions like "Heartbreak Ridge" when U.S. Army Rangers lead the way, fighting, dying and rescuing the hostages not any marines who up north landed unopposed. Maybe someday a REAL film depiction of Urgent Fury will be produced, the men who performed the mission certainly deserve it.

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